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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

The Environmental Assessment for a Special Use Permit for Mr. Kirk Ellis in the Wrangell- St. Elias National Park and Preserve is available for public review. This Environmental Assessment has been prepared according to requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, implementing regulations, and agency procedures. The public review period is June 23 through July 22, 2003.

Mr. Ellis has requested approval to realign two segments of his existing access to Jack Lake Ranch from mile 35.7 Nabesna Road. The realigned access route would provide Mr. Ellis with adequate and feasible access to his private property for personal and commercial purposes. The realignments amount to approximately 1000 feet, of which nearly 800 feet would be situated out of the Little Jack Creek floodplain. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has authorized the project under nationwide permit #14, linear transportation crossings.

If you would like to comment on the Environmental Assessment, the document may be obtained by contacting the park at 907- 822- 5234, Post Office Box 439, Copper Center, Alaska 99573. A copy of the Environmental Assessment will also be available for public review at the Slana Ranger Station in Slana, Alaska, during the 30- day public review period.

Comments on the Environmental Assessment may be sent by mail to park at the above address during the 30- day public comment period. If you have any questions, contact Steve Hunt, Environmental Protection Specialist, at 907- 822- 7242.

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